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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operational Services

SUBJECT: WPS Progress Report

1. As I prepare to depart for another assignment, I thought it might be helpful if I prepared for you short summaries covering the more important problems and functions which have concerned the War Plans Staff. I have discussed these with Mr. [REDACTED] and he is prepared to provide a fuller explanation on any of the subjects at your convenience. 25X1A

2. Looking back over the past six years, I can see considerable progress in the Clandestine Services' planning and preparation for war. Our planning relationships with the Joint Chiefs of Staff are excellent, and further progress toward the solution of joint problems which are still outstanding should be rapid. Senior War Planners are making progress toward the solution of their problems with the unified commands and should be able to keep abreast of their planning requirements.

3. The one critical area of planning in which little progress has been made concerns CIA unilateral planning and the preparation of program estimates for action by the Clandestine Services to meet the requirements of such situations as the Dominican Republic crisis. Somewhere within the Clandestine Services there should be established a staff responsibility for pulling together, for consideration by the DD/P, a list of the critical areas and a summary of the actions proposed by the various Area Divisions to meet the requirements which will, without doubt, be levied on them. These summaries would cover the personnel, materiel and communications equipment required to carry out the intelligence or covert action operations projected by the several Area Divisions. Although the War Plans Staff now has some competence to tackle this kind of problem, and is the logical Staff to do so, it is doubtful, because of reassignment of experienced officers, that it can undertake such a responsibility in the immediate future without additional personnel. 25X1A

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